Islam

Capital Punishment in the Islam community is an interesting subject. While Muslims believe that God sends his punishments down upon people, the Qur’an does note that there is use for earthly punishments as well. Beheading, firing squad, hanging and stoning are all kinds of capital punishment used by the Muslims. Some of these execuations are made public. The court is ultimately responsible for the decisions and rulings of the crimes. Some common crimes that could receive capital punishment are: Treason/apostasy, (when one leaves the faith and turns against it) Terrorism Piracy of any kind, Rape, Adultery, Homosexual activity.

Jihad has a literal meaning of struggle or effort. There are three main kinds of struggle that the word Jihad can be used for. A believer's internal struggle to live out the Muslim faith as well as possible, The struggle to build a good Muslim society, and Holy war: the struggle to defend Islam, with force if necessary. Jihad is accepted by some, mostly modern writers, as an internal spiritual battle. The most common interpretation of Jihad is the Holy War, though it has more meaning behind it than that.